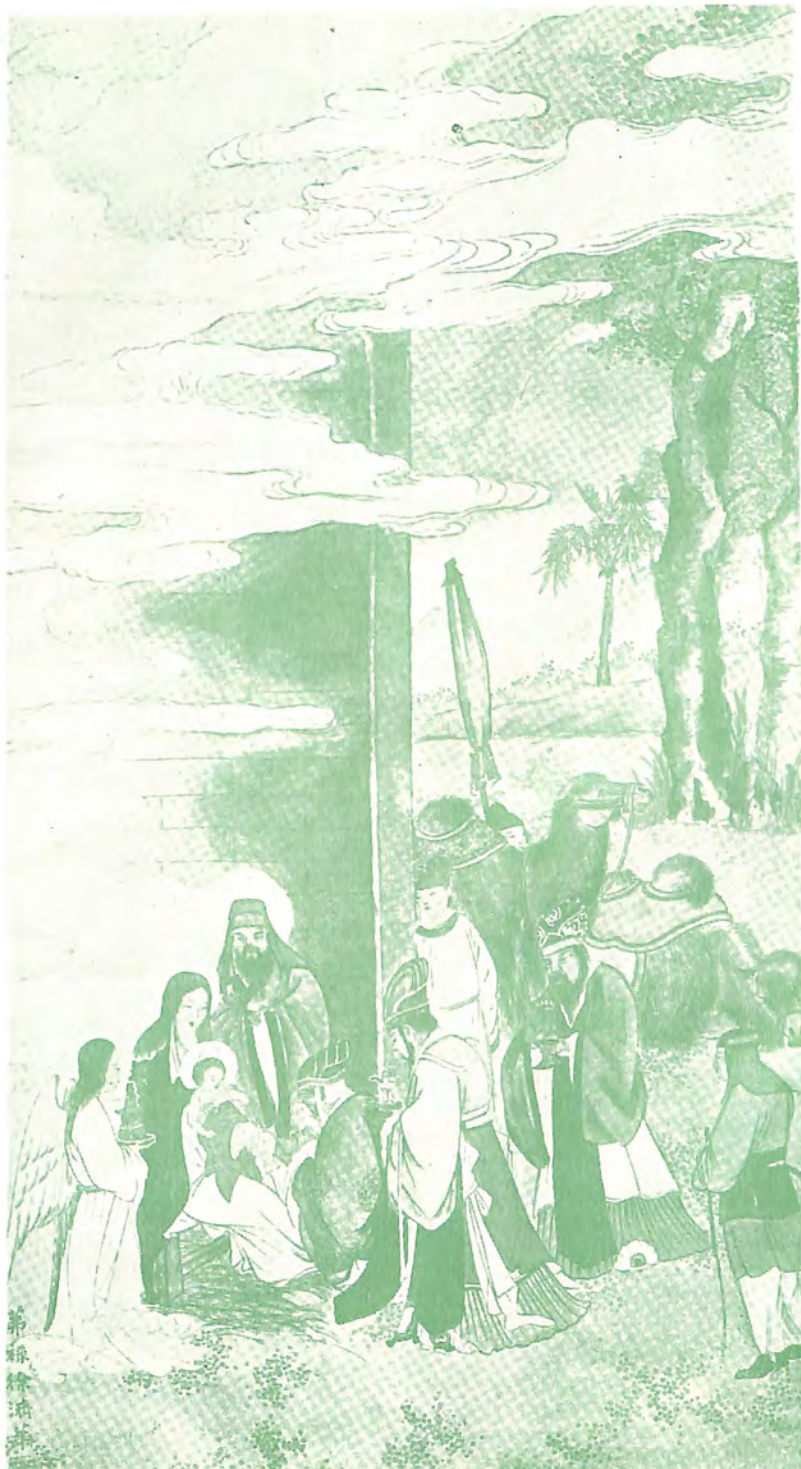


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For a gift of money by Will:

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For a gift of securities by Will:

I hereby give and bequeath to The Church Foundation, a corporation of the State of Pennsylvania, the Designated Trustee of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the following securities (description of the bonds, shares of stock or other securities given), to be added to the principal of the Fund for the Endowment of the Episcopate in said Diocese.

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I give and devise to The Church Foundation, a corporation of the State of Pennsylvania, its successors and assigns, the Designated Trustee of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, to be added to the principal of the Fund for the Endowment of the Episcopate in said Diocese, all that certain (here describe the property or ground rent intended to be given).

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For a gift of securities inter vivos:

I hereby give and deliver to The Church Foundation, a corporation of the State of Pennsylvania, the Designated Trustee of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the following securities, to wit: (description of the bonds, shares of stock, or other certificates given), to be added to the principal of the Fund for the Endowment of the Episcopate in said Diocese.

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PENNSYLVANIA'S INTEREST IN CHINA



Mrs. Meryweather, Bishop Remington, Bishop Tsen, Rev. Thomas A. Meryweather, Mrs. Tsen, Deaconess Stewart, Mrs. Remington.

We in the Diocese of Pennsylvania have special reason to follow closely the news which comes to us about China, because many of our people have gone there as missionaries, and we have many friends among the native Chinese Christians. Some of them have lived among us as students. When any

of them come to visit in the United States we have opportunity to meet them and hear of their work. During the war, when he was unable to continue at his post, Bishop Roberts, of Shanghai, assisted the Bishop of Pennsylvania for more than a year, and we came to think of him as one of ourselves.

Bishop P. Lindel Tsen, Bishop of the Diocese of Honan, and "Presiding Bishop" of the Episcopal Church in China, was once a student at the Philadelphia Divinity School. He remained in his diocese during the seven years of the Japanese occupation, which hard-

ships undermined his health. In September of last year, on his return from the Lambeth Conference, he preached at the Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond Streets. He became ill in Philadelphia and was a patient in the Episcopal Hospital for six weeks, leaving the city in November. Mrs.



Rev. Charles H. Long, Jr., and Daughters, Christine Evelyn.

OUR COVER

"The Wise Men and Their Gifts" is the work of an unknown Christian artist in China. Painted on silk, it is reproduced here in this Epiphany season when the minds of many are thinking of conditions in China.



Bishop Quentin Huang

Tsen stayed at the rectory of the Advocate during the bishop's illness.

The Rt. Rev. Quentin K. Y. Huang, consecrated in 1946 as Bishop of Kunming, has had long continued contacts with Philadelphia. He was sent to study at the University of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia Divinity School, and when he was here at the meeting of the General Convention in 1946 he renewed his old friendships and made many new ones. In a letter written to friends here in October, 1948, Bishop Huang says: "We are in urgent need of some used clothes for our clergy, the blind, the deaf mutes, and the orphans, especially overcoats, etc. Clothes in China are too expensive nowadays. When you send them, please mark on the packages — USED CLOTHES, VALUE NONE, GIFTS FOR THE POOR. And if any one can spare their used Holy Communion sets, used vestments, and used stoles for the clergy, we shall be very grateful to have them, as we are beginning to expand by having more churches and more workers." Address: Rt. Rev. Quentin K. Y. Huang, Kunming, Yunnan, China.

The Rev. Charles H. Long, Jr., son of the Executive Secretary of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, was appointed by the National Council for work in China in January 1946. After being ordained deacon by Bishop Hart and after being married at Zion Church, Philadelphia, to Miss Nancy Marie Ingham, of this city, he and Mrs. Long sailed for China and he was ordained Priest at Peiping Cathedral.

After being assigned to work in Nanking, a daughter, Christine Evelyn, joined the Long family in China, January 26, 1948. With threatening conditions developing in their section of the country in November, Miss Christine and her mother were put on a U.S. Navy transport to return to the United States. Charles Long stays behind at his post. Mother and baby arrived home in time for Christmas.

Dr. Henry P. Brown, who left a busy practice to go to China with Bishop Huang, is doing an important work at the Hueitien Hospital in Kunming. In a recent communication Bishop Huang said: "Since last March I have been fighting against the doctor's order for an operation; but now I am about to become a patient of Dr. Brown, to whom it is nothing, and in whom we all have the utmost confidence." So Philadelphia reached out into the remote districts of a troubled and perplexed land to bring its best skill and highest devotion to officials of church

and state, as well as to the humble people of the country.

REV. GIDEON MONTGOMERY WRITES FROM CANAL ZONE

In a letter to Bishop Remington the Rev. Gideon C. Montgomery, former rector of St. Luke's Church, Kensington, tells of the dedication of a new Youth Center at Gatun. It includes library, reading room, auditorium, dance floor, handicraft shop intended for the Christian social, intellectual, educational growth of the young people under the direction of the priest and men's club of St. George's Church. The dedicatory service was made significant by the attendance of the acting governor and his staff, the bishop, the dean of the cathedral, chairman and several members of the Youth Commission, Boy Scout officials, clergymen from each religious body on the Isthmus, superintendent of schools, an army band and some 700 people. The writer also said: "We really need your prayers and we do remember you and Bishop Hart and the Diocese of Pennsylvania, as well as St. Luke's Kensington, in our prayers. We are living in tremendous times and here in the Latin American countries we see clearly the unrest and chaos which is boiling and seething in the world, and the people need leadership, courageous leadership, and above all consecrated Christian leadership. The Church must wake up; must work and pray and show people that Jesus Christ is living and triumphant and that His life and teachings are the only true way of life. My hope and prayer is that the Church may not come forward with too little, too late. The time is now and the need is urgent and tremendously pressing."

REV. ROBERT P. FRAZIER HAS NEW ADDRESS

The Rev. Robert P. Frazier, formerly of this Diocese, has been asked by the Bishop of Arizona to move to Flagstaff. This will make it possible to open up work in the Army Ordnance Depot at Bellemont, ten miles west of Flagstaff, where there are about 200 Navajo families living and working. He will continue to hold occasional services at the Grand Canyon and with Church families around Tuba City, where there is a government Indian boarding school. He will also be much nearer to the work with the Havasuquai Indians, of which he is in charge. The new address is 409 N. Humphrey Street, Flagstaff, Ariz. Dr. Shreiner, headmaster of

the Church Farm School has offered full scholarships to two Indian boys from the Good Shepherd Mission, in Arizona, where Mr. Frazier is the assistant superintendent.

"WHY THE CHIMES RANG" GIVEN AT FARM SCHOOL

Before and during the Christmas holidays many fine pageants are presented each year in our schools and churches. One of the earliest was presented on the first Sunday in December in the Chapel of the Atonement at the Church Farm School, Glen Loch. Flowers on the altar were Easter lilies mingled with poinsettia. There were also many candles. It was the twentieth time that the students of the school had presented "Why The Chimes Rang," by R. M. Alden. Many of the boys are quite young, all of them are active vigorous boys; but the dignity and solemnity of the characters was unusually fine. The costumes and properties such as gifts to be presented at the altar, the lighting effects, the special vestments of the choir, consisting of dark red capes with lace collars and gold chains—everything matched the setting in the chapel of the school. The story of "Why The Chimes Rang" is well known; but it was worth the trip out to the Farm School to worship at this service.

WORLD RELIEF IN 1949

The Presiding Bishop's Fund continues to serve the purpose for which it was created, and so we all must remember that the third year of its life comes in 1949. The National Council is planning another such nation-wide appeal (March, 1949) as was so successfully made in February, 1948.

It is rumored that our appeal for 1949 is to be on a combined non-Roman level—all of the co-operating members of the Church World Service making a common appeal.

In the meantime all of you can be praying and giving both money and clothing. Money is being sent forward to the diocese and by the diocese to New York as it comes in. Material aid is being collected constantly and sent forward by our collection centers to New Windsor for packing and shipping both to Europe and to the needy countries of the Far East.

Your chairman recently received a heart-felt thank you for warm clothing sent by his parish to Burma. Church World Service means a step towards one world.

J. G. ARMSTRONG, Chairman

Bishop Hart's Message

"The need is for more clergy, to be sure, but even more insistent is the demand for clergy more able to meet the exacting conditions of our times. The strange fact is that in all of this, the strategic and vital importance of the Theological School is so often overlooked, even forgotten by the Church. In general our Seminaries have been inadequately supported in terms of prayer, of interest and of financial support. Yet it is in the Seminaries that our clergy are trained, moulded and disciplined intellectually, emotionally and spiritually for their service to the Church.

"The seminary is of tremendous strategic importance to the Church for here and in similar places elsewhere it is largely determined whether we are to have for clergy little men of small vision who can perform conventional acts or men of intellectual and spiritual capacity and depth who in the name of Christ can meet effectively the needs of our time."

The above is an extract from a re-

cent address by the Presiding Bishop. I heartily concur in everything that he says and would like to emphasize it at this time in connection with the offering on Theological Sunday, January twenty-third. The people of this diocese have loyally supported our own Divinity School during the times when it had few students. This year, we have a well-selected faculty and a student body of 38 men and 5 women undergraduates and 27 graduate students. I am informed by the Bursar that we have enough funds in hand to run the School until the end of March. I earnestly hope that the offerings for theological education will enable us to continue the School during April and May without incurring a deficit.

Members of the diocese are welcome to visit the School especially on Thursday afternoons when there is Evening Prayer and Sermon at 5 o'clock. The Chapel is located at the corner of 42nd and Spruce Streets. Dean Frank D. Gifford would be glad to give any information about the School that the

members of the Church desire.

"What this diocese needs is a great cause which will catch our imagination and elicit our whole-hearted support. You, as our bishop, should sound the call in clear and unmistakable language." These words were said to me recently by an interested communicant. This is it—"A well-prepared ministry." One bishop writes me, "In this diocese alone we'll need 38 more men in the next five years to take advantage of obvious opportunities, but there is no use in starting the work unless we have the men." This same opportunity exists in many dioceses. Men, well-prepared men, are the answer to the Church's need today.

I am told that our Philadelphia Divinity School has enough funds in sight to operate until the end of March. What then? It is expensive to run a Divinity School. Yes—but the *annual* budget of our Philadelphia Divinity School is only a drop in the bucket compared to the *daily* cost of the Berlin air lift!

Perhaps you feel that all of our divinity schools should be supported by our missionary funds. If you do, get



Bishop Hart and Men of Church of the Holy Nativity, Rockledge, on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary: Mr. Ralph P. Winters, Mr. James S. Kiel, Dr. Long, Bishop Hart, Rev. Herbert W. Jones, Rector, Mr. John B. Nibling, Mr. Percy James, Mr. John W. Morris.

the facts and make your opinion known to your vestry. Get your vestry to make their opinion known to the National Council. Mrs. John E. Hill and Mr. Thomas B. K. Ringe are members of the National Council from this Diocese. Make your wishes known to our deputies to General Convention when they are elected in May. In the meantime, what are you going to do about the Philadelphia Divinity School in the National Theological Education Offering on January twenty-third?

In England last summer I heard the boast made, "We have more food in America than in any other country." This sounds very crude when you hear it so blatantly expressed. We know that America has great power and great resources, but no nation has ever been remembered by the amount of food consumed. The greatness of any nation depends upon the quality of character produced. There can be no absolute peace in a world of life and growth. Every victory for the extension of Christ's Kingdom has to be fought for anew by us and by our descendants. If you want to give the oncoming generations the best chance for a just and lasting peace, give them the best spiritual leadership possible.

I have no way of knowing how many communicants in the diocese will read this article. You may be the only one in your parish who will read it. Will you do two things for this great cause?

1—Find out if your vestry is thoroughly aware of the need for the National Offering for Theological Education. If they are not, ask them to visit our Divinity School at 42nd and Spruce Streets and discuss the whole matter with Dean Frank Gifford. Special offering envelopes can be secured at the Church House.

2—Write to me and tell me how your rector and vestry are informing the congregation about this vital matter. Do you think that the rank and file of your congregation understand the situation thoroughly? Have you any suggestions as to how I can present the matter to the whole diocese more effectively? I feel that Theological Education is a cause which calls for the intelligent and enthusiastic support of all our people. Will you help me to put it in clear and unmistakable terms to every member of your parish?

Faithfully your bishop,

Oliver Johnston

Committee on Financial Safeguards

By MR. EDWARD B. CLAY, *Chairman*

While the Rectors, Accounting Wardens, and Vestries of the Parishes in the Diocese of Pennsylvania are by this time well aware of the existence, and functions of the Committee on Financial Safeguards, there are many members of the Diocese, who are, no doubt, unaware of either the Committee or the reason for its activities.

The Executive Council, and the Department of Finance, submitted to the Diocesan Convention of 1934, a Resolution for the appointment of a special committee to report in 1935. This Committee reported at length, and proposed the adoption of Canons requiring parochial organizations affiliated to the Diocese to conform to such Financial Safeguards and practices, as might be prescribed by Canon. In the 1936 Convention this was extended by recommending that Parishes also be required to conform to safeguards prescribed by Executive Council, through the Department of Finance, and administered by the Committee on Financial Safeguards. Under the Chairmanship of Mr. Spencer Ervin, this Committee then started to function.

Under Canon XVI every Parish and Mission, every institution within the bounds of the Diocese, which is subject to the authority of the Diocese, and every agency declared by the Executive Council to be included hereunder, shall comply with the following requirements: (For brevity's sake these have been condensed)

1. Trust and permanent funds, and all securities, shall be placed in custody of National or State Banking Institution, or Trust Company, in Trust, or agency account, or in trust with The Church Foundation.

2. Records shall be kept of all trusts and permanent funds.

3. Treasurers and custodians shall be adequately bonded.

4. Such books of account shall be kept as Executive Council shall require.

5. The accounts of the organizations shall be annually audited by a certified public accountant.

6. Every organization shall make an annual financial report for the information of the Executive Council.

7. Buildings and their contents shall be adequately insured.

General Convention, starting in 1916, adopted Canons on better business methods, and with amendments in 1940, and 1943, cover very much the same ground, that our Diocesan Canon XVI does.

The Committee has preferred to promote by persuasion rather than by compulsion the observance of the safeguards for which it is responsible, and to this end, has sent out from time to time questionnaires to the Accounting Wardens, regarding their observance of the Canon. As a result, we have reports showing that 110 Parishes and Missions are complying in full with the Canon.

In connection with article 5 regarding the annual audit by a Certified Public Accountant, Messrs. Charles S. Rockey and Company, C.P.A., have cooperated with the Committee by offering their services at very low rates, to those Parishes and Missions, who have felt in the past they could not afford such an audit.

While at first there was a disposition on the part of some Accounting Wardens, and Vestries, to resent the regulation of their financial affairs, there has been a growing acquiescence to the provisions of the Canon, as the realization grew, that it had been enacted solely for their protection, and for the carrying out of sound business practices.

The Committee hopes that in the not-far-distant future, it will be able to report to the Convention that all Parishes and Missions in the Diocese are complying in full with Canon XVI.

The Committee now consists of two clergy, The Rev. Charles H. Long, and The Rev. James M. Niblo, and four laymen, Messrs. Edward B. Clay, P. Blair Lee, Isaac E. Leech, and Charles Myers.

Mr. Isaac E. Leech at the Church House, and the Chairman of the Committee welcome any questions on this subject, or the activities of the Committee.



LITTLE TALKS ON THE EPISCOPATE

*Published by the Committee on the
Enlargement of the Fund
for its Endowment*

INTRODUCTION

In this and the next four issues of THE CHURCH NEWS we devote our space to an account of the office and duties of bishop. To the clergy, and to some of the laity, what we have to say will not be new. But we all perhaps tend to forget how important is the office, and how onerous its duties. To place it on a completely independent and secure footing should be our pride and desire. And we can do this through the Fund for the Endowment of the Episcopate.

I. The Bishop as The Centre of Unity

The Diocesan Bishop, or the Diocesan, as he is usually called, is the centre of Church Unity in the Diocese. Here we all are, in our separate congregations and families, with our varying origins, backgrounds, interests, and occupations, and yet we are, or should be, one in Christ. The Diocesan represents this oneness.

But our diocese is only one of many. The Diocesan links us to other dioceses, not only in this American Province of the great Anglican Communion, but in other nations and lands. (Read The Anglican Communion Today, by John S. Higgins, and One Communion and Fellowship, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, both for 25c, Church Historical Society, 4205 Spruce St., Phila.).

And finally, the Diocesan links our generation to other generations in the Church through the Apostolic Succession, beautifully described in the great prayer provided for the bishop in the Ordination of Priests, (Pr. Bk. pp. 541-542).

HOSPITAL ENDOWMENTS

"The recently announced agreement between the Episcopal Hospital and the University of Pennsylvania has created doubt in the minds of many laymen as to the status of the Endowment Funds of the Episcopal Hospital.

"The principal of all Endowment Funds will remain under the control of the Board of Managers of the Hospital and the income will continue to be used for hospital care, the Harrison Home and such other purposes as have been directed by the various Benefactors of the Hospital.

"The agreement calls for operation of the Hospital facilities by the University of Pennsylvania for a period of four and one-half years and the payment

of fifty per cent of any operation deficit which may be incurred during that period. There is nothing in the contemplated agreement which will relieve the Board of Managers of the Episcopal Hospital of their responsibility for the management of the Endowment Funds.

"It is the belief of those intimately concerned with the Hospital that the steps now being taken will greatly reduce the losses which have been a drain on the free funds of the institution."

(signed) J. KENT WILLING, JR.
Vice-President

Philadelphia Divinity School

The function of a library extends far beyond the mere storing of dusty tomes for the use of Book-worms. Among its other duties is the dissemination of Book-news to a wider public, who may not have time to spend reading extensively, but are interested in what is going on in the world of books. The Library of the Philadelphia Divinity School, mindful of this, holds "Book Hours" at intervals, at which prominent speakers review books of interest. The first of the season was held on Wednesday, October 27th. The Reverend Franklin Joiner, D.D. of St. Clement's Church, sketched the highlights of the official volume "Lambeth Conference, 1948," and made some comment thereon. His review provided considerable discussion.

The second speaker of the afternoon was the Reverend D. Wilmot Gateson, D.D., whose review of the recent novel by Graham Greene, "The Heart of the Matter" was so constructed as to bring out the theological implication of the work. A lively discussion arising from the paper was interrupted only by sheer lack of time.

EPIPHANY BIRTHDAY PARTY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1949,
215 South 42nd Street

Open house and Tea from 3 to 5 o'clock, followed by Evensong in St. Andrew's Chapel of the Divinity School

All Members of the Woman's Auxiliary, and young girls of the Diocese, as well as Bishops and Clergy, and all Alumnae of the Church Training and Deaconess House are cordially asked to come to the party, which is the revival of the treasured tradition since the founding of the School in 1891.

The silver offerings are to be used for a Discretionary Fund for Miss Maude Cutler, the Director of the Department of Women, to assist the students in their practical work, and for the Committee on Publicity and Extension, under the auspices of the Alumnae Association.

Please come and be generous with the Birthday gift.

A two manual Esty organ is being given to the St. Andrew's Collegiate Chapel of the Philadelphia Divinity School by Dr. Herbert J. Tiley, who was formerly organist at St. John's Church, Cynwyd, and one of Philadelphia's leading organists, composers, and choral directors. The organ for the chapel is one which Dr. Tiley had for his own use in his home.

Several fine pieces of furniture for the use of students at the Divinity School have recently been given by Mrs. C. Fenno Hoffman. Mr. C. C. Morris, chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the seminary, has presented the school with 156 pieces of flat silver for use in the refectory.

Student officers have been elected as follows: Student Body: President, G. Stackley Hurst; Vice-President, Kenneth E. Hartranft; Secretary, George R. Laedlein; Treasurer, Marshall J. Shireman; Senior Class: President, Raymond C. Knapp; Vice-President, James B. Vaught; Secretary, James B. Clark; Middler Class: President, Kenneth R. Rodgers; Vice-President, Robert H. Booker; Secretary, Randall J. Conklin; Junior Class: President, Arthur J. Ehlenberger; Vice-President, Gerald H. Graves; Secretary, Warren H. Davis; Missionary Society: President, Raymond S. Mitchell; Secretary, Donald R. Gardner; Treasurer, Miss Jennie M. Frazell.

ST. MARY'S HOUSE NEEDS

The new St. Mary's House, of the Divinity School, makes such an attractive and comfortable home for women students that we feel hesitant about expressing further needs to our friends in the Diocese; but after your wonderful response last year we shall tell you again of the few things we need to complete our furnishings. They are:

A rug for the front hall, about 4 x 9 feet

Rug 9 x 14 feet, for an office and sitting-room

Small rug to go in front of the Altar in the Chapel

Pair of candlesticks for a rather large mantel, and to go with an old-

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Woman's Auxiliary

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, Editor

President's Message

Twelfth Night—the Wise Men three at last have reached their places in the little Crèche.

The balsam boughs drop their sweet fragrant needles in showers that sound like fairy rain,

The candles that have burned so valiantly throughout the Holy-tide are low,

The holly berries too have lost their scarlet sheen.

The mistletoe hangs drooping far too weary now to catch the unaware.

One by one the lights upon the tree go out.

See the gay, glittering tinsel and the merry ornaments must hide away until another year.

Only the Crèche remains.

Carefully, one by one, we wrap them all away—

The shepherds and their woolly sheep,
The camels with Balthazar, Gaspard and Melchior,

(We love their strange, mysterious names.)

The little patient cattle that have stood, gazing in wonder there, since Christmas Eve,

The faithful watchful Joseph, guarding his beloved pair—

The little lovely Mother with wide, adoring eyes looking down upon her Son,

By miracle divine the Son of God.

Only a tiny, baby figure made of bisque,
But more than that—

Symbol of perfect Love.

Then we put out the light that caused a star to shine upon the little stable.

The room is dark,

Save for the embers of a dying fire.

Beyond the window lies the winter night.

Shadows upon the snow,

A rim of ice framing the tinkling brook,

And burning overhead, the glory of the Christmas sky.

Yes, there it is—the Star!

Lighting the way to yet another year,

The Star which always shines, for those who see

Above the petty meanness and the greed of earthly things

“The Way” that we may go.

So let us lift our heads, and then, with

courage high and purpose resolute,
Set our feet firmly on the road of the New Year,
Following the Star.

ELIZABETH C. BEATH

Universal Week of Prayer, January 2-9

The Universal Week of Prayer is 102 years old and is the first full week of the new year. In many communities around the world the Week of Prayer is observed unitedly and interdenominationally, and is sponsored by the Council of Churches or a local ministerial association, or by a separate unit of a church body taking at least part of one day or evening in the week to do the work of prayer for the world, its leaders and its people. Many of our parishes throughout the diocese will make the observance as seems best suited to their people that prayer may be effectual, fervent, and righteous. At the Church House observance will take the form of a Quiet Day conducted by Miss Estelle Carver on Tuesday, January 4th.

The time schedule is as follows:

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. 1st Meditation

11:30 a.m. 2nd Meditation

12:30 p.m. Luncheon (75c)

1:45 p.m. 3rd Meditation

Please make reservations for luncheon through the Auxiliary Office be-

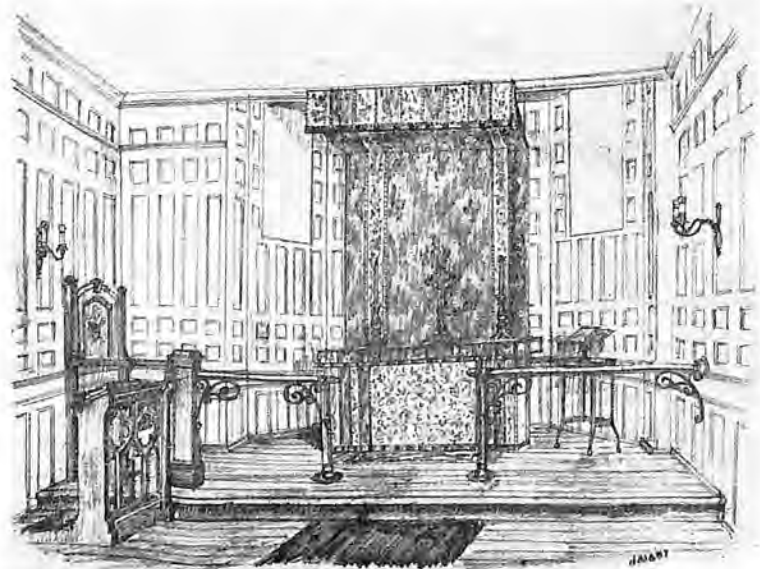
fore Dec. 31.

Miss Carver is the daughter of a clergyman of the Church of England and taught in England and Jamaica before coming to America. She has done graduate work at Columbia University and lectured for two years in the Department of Education at Yale. Her chief interest lies in religious education, especially in the field of prayer and the development of the spiritual life. She is the author of “Newness of Life,” setting forth practical steps in spiritual growth, which is being used as study material by the Diocesan committee on Prayer and Worship.

Amsterdam Here

We give hearty thanks for what happened at Amsterdam. The World Council of Churches provides a wonderful opportunity for every one who has ever said, “I think the Churches ought to get together.” As the World Council stands for Churches throughout the world learning to cooperate, so here on the local level the Philadelphia Council of Churches works to that end. Are you a member? Why not? Dues from \$2.00 up are payable to the Philadelphia Council of Churches, 1421 Arch Street Philadelphia 2, Pa. Don't delay. The time is ripe. Your support is needed now.

The Women's Department of the Philadelphia Council of Churches, will hold its great Annual Luncheon at the Broadwood Hotel on Thursday, January 27th at 12:30 P.M. The speaker will be the Rev. Edwin T. Dahlberg, D.D. of Syracuse. For further infor-



This picture of the Bishop's Chapel in the Church House is reproduced from the 1949 Kalendar for sale at the Gift Shop.

mation and tickets apply to the Woman's Auxiliary Office, The Church House. Step out Episcopalians!

Christian Social Relations: United Nations

As there has been a great deal of discussion on ways and means of strengthening the United Nations and as the Christian Social Relations Committee feels that the United Nations is a tremendous factor for peace in the world today and our only hope, we will present at the January meeting an outstanding panel to place before you the three most discussed points in regard to strengthening the United Nations.

As we will not have time for questions at that meeting, this important subject will be carried over to the February meeting. At that time we hope you will give us an opportunity to answer all your questions. We will be able to do this more intelligently and fully if you will write your questions on a piece of paper and drop them in the box at the Church House before the meeting.

You will be interested in recalling that at the Triennial in 1946 the Episcopal Church passed a resolution stating: "BE IT RESOLVED that peace among peoples and between nations can be maintained only under law which involves a representative legislative body elected by the people of the constituent nations, whose laws shall be addressed to the citizens individually, interpreted by the people's courts and enforced by an executive answerable to the people; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that representatives of the people of the United States should be empowered to discuss the organization of such federal world government with the representatives of any other peoples able and willing to join such a union."

MRS. FRANK G. ROYCE

MRS. EDWARD M. K. KLAPP

PRAYER BOOK ANNIVERSARY

The committee appointed by Bishop Hart to make plans for the observance of the 400th Anniversary of the first English Prayer Book is holding meetings each week to carry out the assignments.

At a recent meeting of the Committee, the following tentative schedule was adopted for activities in connection with the celebration: March 17, "Liturgical Day" at the Divinity School; Whitsunday, Diocesan service in Holy Trinity Church at 8 p.m.; lecture to the clergy at the Church

House (date and speaker to be determined); Topics and outlines for appropriate sermons to be sent to the

clergy; parish programs recommended to include pageants, sermons, lectures, and study groups.

CHURCHES AS HOSTS

By the REV. F. C. HARTSHORNE

Suppose you asked a friend to your home for dinner, and, because of a loose board in a step, or because Junior left his toy tank on the stairs your friend, before he sat down to dinner, fell and broke a leg or discomfited his sacro-iliac. Wouldn't it be nice if you could say to him, as you helped put him in the ambulance, "Awful sorry, Old Man, that this happened, but just let me know how much it has set you back and how much will make up for your loss of time and suffering and my insurance company will make it good for you." And how unpleasant it would be if you hadn't such insurance and it wasn't a friend but someone who sued you, or a friend who wouldn't sue you but who had gotten hurt in your house? Wise men feel it their duty to take out such insurance to protect their visitors and their friends.

Well, aren't Churches hosts? Of course they are, and no one is rightly in a church or on its grounds except by general or direct invitation. Why, then, aren't church authorities just as much under obligation to protect visitors and attenders with public liability insurance as are householders and hotel and storekeepers? They are, and even more so than householders, because, while visitors come only occasionally to private homes, they come every week and oftener to churches and parish houses. All the more reason, then, for them to carry Public Liability insurance.

"But some man will say" (to quote St. Paul's method of dealing with a silly objection) "Charities are not responsible, under the law, for damages suffered on their premises." That was decided in a case in a lower court many years ago, and has recently been so decided in another lower court in this state. On the other hand the writer was present when a judge in a Philadelphia court held that a charity was responsible for injuries suffered because of some defect on its premises. Most lawyers hold that such immunity is very doubtful and a decision by an upper court might destroy it any day. But suppose a person coming to church did get hurt through no fault of his or her own, and brought suit and the Church managed to get the claim

thrown out under the above doctrine, what would that person and his or her family and friends think of Churches after that? They would say that such are very bad places to go to, because if one gets hurt at a store or a Movie they can get compensation, but not so if hurt on church grounds. Can Churches afford to have such a reputation?

But some other man will say: "You are quite right, and we have protected ourselves by taking out such insurance" "But, my dear man, are you sure; have you read your policy? If not, do so, and the chances are that it provides that the company will only compensate you for damages which you *are compelled by law to pay*." If you can't be compelled by law to pay, the company will not pay anything and the damaged person gets nothing unless your church pays her out of church funds. In the recent case in Harrisburg a woman claimed she had fallen in a hallway, due to insufficient lighting, and the Court held that the church, being a charity, was not liable, so the insurance company for whose policy they had paid, paid nothing. "Outrageous!" you will probably say; but the fault was in their not reading their policy.

"Well, then, what's the use of public liability insurance for churches?" Not much, unless you get them properly worded. If you already have such a policy, or are going to get one, insist upon an endorsement reading like this:

"The company agrees not to raise the defense of eleemosynary institution to resist any just claim, unless the insured consents to such use."

A good many years ago this clause was inserted, at the suggestion of the writer, in the policy which the Diocese takes out to protect the properties of all the Missions, and is being inserted in policies taken out by parishes whose title is in The Church Foundation. The churches have a very real moral obligation to make sure that, if any persons attending them get hurt on the premises, they will infallibly get compensation. Perish the thought that churches are dangerous places to go to! But be very sure you have or are going to get real protection and not a phony one.

Department of Christian Education

Puerto Rico—Mission Study Topic

Boys and girls of the Episcopal Church in all parts of the United States, as well as the Diocese of Pennsylvania, will be learning about the needs of the people in Puerto Rico and what they, through their Lenten Offering can do to help the Church's work there. But, long before the children even begin to think of Lent, the rectors, superintendents and teachers will begin to meet to plan their Lenten program.

The National Council has prepared material for use in the Church Schools. "Pedro Hops on One Foot" is the study unit for the younger children and "Pedro's Book" is the accompanying pupil's book. "We Learn About Puerto Rico" is the study unit for older boys and girls. Included in this latter unit is a section for the guidance of leaders of the Church Schools. It provides information on how to visualize the offering, gives statistics, guidance for teachers' meetings, and for the individual teacher, and also includes a good bibliography of additional supplementary material and Services of Worship.

The Church School and Special Offerings Committee are, as in previous years, preparing a Lenten Guide to supplement, and personalize, the Lenten program. They plan to have the guide in the mail about the middle of January.

TO RECTORS—RE LENTEN BOXES
Have you sent to National Council the card in the back of Parish Helps—stating the number of Lenten Boxes you will need?

Parish Study Groups on Marriage

During the Season of Epiphany, (beginning January 6) many parishes in our Diocese will engage in the Family Study Program sponsored by the National Council for the whole Church. This is the first endeavor of the Episcopal Church to carry out a general educational program for Adults and Young People. The procedure of instruction will be through planned group discussion. A series of booklets, covering a four week period, has been printed for the guidance and information of those taking part.

There is no subject of greater importance to the families of the Church than Successful Marriage and the Christian Family. During the last few years we have all been stunned by the increasing divorce rate in our society. In 1947, the national figures indicate that there was one divorce granted for every

four marriages. The figures for Philadelphia were slightly worse.

It is pretty generally recognized now, that the way to stem the tide of divorce is through a program of education for successful marriage. This our Church is now attempting to do.

The study material is well thought out, and is based upon scientific facts and experience. It does not avoid taking up any matters that are important to happy married life. Some study pamphlets are available at the Church House, or can be obtained from the National Council. Additional reading material for leaders can also be borrowed or purchased through our Department of Christian Education.

The fact that many parishes throughout the whole Church will be discussing this important question of Marriage and the Family at the same time, will make it easier for those parishes which might hesitate to embark upon such a program alone.

To Know
The Christ



To Make
Him Known

A REMINDER—The National Council wants to know how you celebrated Youth Sunday, so be sure to send in your offering and a resume to Room 30, Church House.

Germantown I is planning a Feast of Lights Service early in January. This is an excellent way to bring home the meaning of the Epiphany season. Try it in your parish.

On December 5th, St. Thomas', Whitmarsh was the host of the Norristown Convocation for a supper meeting. Mr. Dana Howe, Executive Secretary of the Christian Association of the University of Pennsylvania, gave a most thought provoking talk.

Youth Service

Some five hundred young people and their advisors from parishes throughout the diocese attended the First Annual Diocesan Youth Service, sponsored by the Diocesan Youth Commission in the Church of the Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut Streets on Sunday evening, November 28th.

The preacher was the Rt. Rev. Donald B. Aldrich, D.D., L.H.D., formerly Bishop Coadjutor of Michigan and at present Dean of the Chapel of Princeton University. Preaching a splendid

sermon on the Courtesy of Christ, he emphasized the joy and necessity of "going the second mile" in response to God's great courtesy and forbearance toward us. A choir of some sixty-five voices, made up of members of the Youth Council and other representative people from some twenty parishes, led the singing. Seated in the chancel were Bishop Hart, the Rev. Dr. Long, the Rev. Peter C. Van der Hiel, Jr., and members of the Youth Commission. By vote of the Youth Council, an offering was received for the National Youth Offering which in 1948 is designated for AUJE, the new Youth Movement of the missionary district of Puerto Rico.

This was the first of what will be the Annual Diocesan Youth Service, held on the First Sunday in Advent.

A Youth Group in Every Parish

Does your church have a Youth Group? The young people of the Diocesan Youth Council are deeply concerned with this question. We feel that every young person faced with the complex problems of today's living, should be able to find in his church a standard to guide his thought and action. A young people's group, through informal discussions, worship and service can do a great deal to fill this need. The Diocesan Youth Council is making a survey of the youth work in all the parishes with the hope that we may be able to assist in planning new groups in churches where there is no such work going on. To this end we met at Cape May and together with members of the clergy discussed the details of purpose and methods of organization. Since then we have gone out in small units, wherever invited, to help new groups get started. We want to come, so call us at the Church House and set a date.

Don't Miss the *Youth Edition of Forward Day by Day*. It is filled with helpful meditations and prayers for the Advent and Christmas seasons and is an aid to personal devotions. Read—Mark—Learn and inwardly digest.

THROUGH THE 1949 G.F.S. MISSION WINDOW

Three projects will be immediately seen, all of them looking Pacific Oceanward, in fact, all in Mission Fields located on the great ocean itself, namely Alaska, China and the Philippines.

The Lenten Boxwork, which is displayed at the Juniors Annual Service in the Spring, will be sent to the Hudson Stuck Memorial Hospital in Fort

Yukon, Alaska, and will include exciting Christmas, 1949 gifts for the children there, items that will travel well and without fail should include, according to a letter received from a returned member of that Staff, modeling clay for the boys to employ the fancy of their imaginations and skill of fingers. Members and older groups will provide layettes, crib sheets, blankets, towels, washcloths and crib quilts with bright flower and animal motifs.

The National Mission Object is again the Violet Phinney Fund, \$2000. from the G.F.S. all over the country, to be sent to China to keep Mrs. Phinney, in Bishop Huang's Province in Southwest China, as a teacher of English. Pennsylvania hopes to contribute \$300. to this object, or fifteen per cent of the entire amount. Each Junior Branch plans to give \$1. and the offering at the Members and Sponsors Annual Service will go toward making up the sum needed. In a recent letter from Mrs. Phinney published in the National G.F.S. "Highlights" she tells of the forming of the first G.F.S. Branch in Bishop Huang's Province at a place called Tsengyi. She and the Bishop went by Postal Truck, but going back to her station she had to resort to the customary mode of travel in interior China, known as "yellowfish," which means paying passage on any freight trucks that may be going your way. Of course, if the truck breaks down, well, you're out of luck! Mrs. Phinney, by means of the Bishop as interpreter, told the girls of the G.F.S. set-up and explained the program material. Further plans for other Branches are under way, so that Mrs. Phinney is truly a G.F.S. apostle as well as a teacher of English in this far off field, and it is hoped that conditions in China will not interrupt her spendid work.

And the third picture—the Girls' School at Bontoc, Philippine Islands shines through the G.F.S. Mission window. For many years the G.F.S., nationally at first, and then after this school ceased to be the National Mission Object of the G.F.S., the G.F.S. in Pennsylvania continued its interest and every year sends money to provide six scholarships for girls to be educated at the Mission. Many in this Diocese have met Deaconess Kate Sibley Shaw, who for many years prior to the War was in charge of All Saints School. Deaconess Shaw was interned during the War, suffering many hardships and privations, and was not able to return to the field when the school was re-

opened last year. Her work is being ably carried forward by Miss Marion Davis, and money for all scholarships which would normally have been provided during the war years, has been sent to the School. Forty pesos, or about \$20. is the sum on which Miss Davis is endeavoring to give a girl a year's education and care. The G.F.S. in this Diocese recently sent a supply of linen thread in pastel colors and white to Miss Davis in order that the pupils may again make interesting woven articles—luncheon sets, scarfs, bags, etc. as well as laces—which are sent back to us, for purchase, thus enabling the girls to help in their own support. At recent G.F.S. District Conferences here, a scene in the Mission schoolroom was portrayed, showing the needs of the school and a bountiful contribution was made for that purpose.

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Diocese will be held at the Church House on the evening of January 5, 1949 and the Annual Meeting of G.F.S. Counsel on January 19th, also at the Church House, in the evening. Annual reports will be presented, followed by necessary business, after which a program of vital interest to all will take place.

THE EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

The Annual Christmas Pageant was held in the Academy Chapel December 17th under the able direction of Mr. John Sumner and Mr. Harry Harris and was based upon the Nativity Story,

the action being synchronized with the words of familiar Christmas Carols. The Choir and members of the Middle School Student Body formed the cast. A corps of mothers aided invaluable in the costuming which has been acclaimed as a great asset to an already extremely moving presentation of the Christmas Story.

The Annual Fall Alumni Outing was held on Friday, November 12. Festivities commenced with an Alumni luncheon at the Bellevue-Stratford, at which Officers of the Penn Charter Alumni Society were guests. During the afternoon the Episcopal football team defeated Penn Charter 14-0, thereby retaining undisputed possession of the Inter-Academic title. The game was followed by an Academy tea in the gymnasium, which was well attended by Alumni and parents.

Two Parent-Teachers meetings in the Upper School and four in the Middle School have been held this fall. The VI Form meeting, for parents of boys in the graduating class, was addressed by Dr. Archibald MacIntosh, Trustee of the Academy and Vice-President of Haverford College. Dr. MacIntosh spoke on the problems of entering and staying in college today.

The II Form meeting consisted of talks by four members of the Faculty who touched upon the religious, academic and athletic problems surrounding the adjustment of boys to the Upper School.

HUNTERS AT WORSHIP



Members of the Pickering Hunt attended an open-air Service of Thanksgiving in the fields adjacent to St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley, on Thanksgiving Day at 9 a.m. The Rev. J. J. Jarden Guenther, rector, arranged a special Order of Service which included a prayer written for the occasion by William J. Clothier, MFH,

who led the congregation in the responsive reading of the Psalms. The riders, about thirty in number, dismounted and stood by their horses in a semi-circle. The hounds, with the Whippers-in, were at one side. Over a hundred and fifty people, members of the Parish and residents of the Valley participated.

In the Diocese

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, Editor

The bicentennial of the death of Isaac Watts, writer of many well known hymns, was observed by the Philadelphia Chapter, American Guild of Organists, with a special service in the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, November 20, with an address by the rector, the Rev. Joseph Fort Newton.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants observed Founders' Day with a special service in Gloria Dei Church on the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day. The preacher was the Rev. Melville Gurley, rector of St. John's Church, Cynwyd, who is Elder of the Society.

The chapel in the Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Germantown, is being equipped with a separate heating unit, the altar is being moved to make room for four additional pews, and the entire interior is being redecorated.

The Rev. Alfred W. Price, rector of St. Stephen's Church, recently conducted a Sunday night service of Spiritual Healing at St. James Church, Kingsessing.

The Rev. William Wilson Manross has been elected Librarian of the Church Historical Society. His address will be 4205 Spruce Street, Phila. 4, Pa.

At St. James Church, Kingsessing, the Y. P. F. held a supper for their parents followed by a short worship service and an illustrated lecture on Africa by Mr. Wilbur M. Thomas, recently returned from an extended trip in that country. The Sunday School teachers, in a recent Parent-Teachers meeting, had a demonstration lesson of fourth grade work, and a film strip "We are all brothers." Games and refreshments afforded an opportunity for better acquaintance.

On Thanksgiving Day the Rev. Christopher J. Atkinson, rector of St. James Church, Downingtown, was the preacher at a community service. The evening branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of this parish recently sponsored a square dance in the West Whiteland School. The Men of St. James are giving a Christmas Party on the Sunday after Christmas for underprivileged children.

The Y. P. F. of St. John's Church, Lansdowne, served as host to a regional Sunday evening gathering with representatives from six or eight neighboring Fellowships, accompanied by the clergy of their respective parishes. The young people conducted Evening Prayer in the church, followed by a social in the parish house, with addresses by the Rev. Aaron Manderbach, Y. P. F. adviser for the region and Church, Army Captain Fred Nussbaum, Diocesan adviser. A moving picture of the healing of the nobleman's son was shown and refreshments were served.

At St. Luke's Church, Germantown, The Rt. Rev. Wallace E. Conkling, Bishop of Chicago, and former rector of the parish, was the special preacher at one of the St. Luke's-tide services. During Advent the Rev. Ralph E. Coonrad, vicar of the Church of St. John the Baptist, delivered a series of lectures on the Book of Common Prayer on four successive Tuesday evenings in St. Luke's parish house.

Sister Mary Theodora recently told the members of the Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary at St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill about her work among the women at Moyamensing Prison.

At the Church of the Advocate, 18th & Diamond Streets, the trustees are improving the parish property by redecorating the first floor of the parish house and installing a new oil burner unit in the rectory.

Mr. Henry Thomas Dolan, a vestryman of the Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli, has been elected a member of the National Council of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

A new venture at the Church of the Holy Comforter, Aronimink, is a boy choir, under direction of the organist and choir director, Mr. Leeds. A Choir Club has been organized to provide the funds for boys' salaries, treats, etc., until the boy section of the choir becomes established.

Mrs. Oliver J. Hart recently addressed the women of the Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli.

An attractive garage has been constructed at the rear of the rectory of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.

Advertising for the bazaar at the Church of the Holy Sacrament, Highland Park, included not only the parish paper and display ads in local newspapers; but 10,000 pictures of Santa Claus inviting children and adults were distributed to the homes of the community.

The Very Rev. E. B. Mowers, a graduate of Philadelphia Divinity School and formerly vicar of the Church of the Holy Apostles and rector of Zion Church, Philadelphia, and now dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral, Havana, Cuba, recently spoke to the people of St. James Church, Prospect Park.

Dean Gifford, of the Philadelphia Divinity School was the speaker and Miss Jean LaRoche was the soloist at "Annual Day" services at St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley this fall.

The Rev. John C. Roak, rector of Gloria Dei Church, was the guest preacher at a service marking the anniversary of the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator, West Philadelphia.

The 50th anniversary of the Church of the Epiphany, 57th and Baltimore Avenue, was celebrated on November 12, with Bishop Hart officiating. Bishop Hart also participated in the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the Church of the Holy Nativity, Rockledge.

The Rev. Aaron Manderbach, rector of St. Faith Church, Brookline, recently preached at a united Girl Scout service in Temple Lutheran Church, Brookline.

Mrs. Ruth Caxdal, of the staff of the Philadelphia City Mission, recently addressed a meeting of the Needlework Guild in Prospect Park.

Bishop Hart recently spoke to the cadets of the Valley Forge Military Academy in the school Chapel of St. Cornelius the Centurian.

Members of the Loyal Orange Legion attended a Thanksgiving service in the Church of Holy Communion, when they were addressed by the vicar, the Rev. Frank Bonyng.

The men of Holy Nativity Church, Rockledge, have recently scrubbed and painted the walls of the parish house, and the women have provided new draperies.

Mr. Paul Augustus Casey was recently re-elected a member of the vestry of St. Clement's Church, having served in that capacity before the war, which took him away from the city.

"The Key" issued by Calvary Church, Germantown, lists some 35 young people who are students, giving their names, the names of the institutions in which they are enrolled, and in some instances the courses which they are pursuing.

Movies, dancing and refreshments featured a birthday party at St. Barnabas Church, Germantown on November 12th. The Rector, the Rev. E. Sydnor Thomas, was 67 years of age.

After two years of active use of the Parish House of the Church of the Advocate, 18th & Diamond Streets, Temple High School has withdrawn its classes for ex-service men, because of a sharp decrease in enrollment. The custodial staff is cleaning, repairing, and renovating the building so that it will be in better condition.

It is an old tradition at St. Peter's Church, 3rd & Pine Streets, for the senior member of each family to stand in the pew for the final blessing, while the others kneel. It is also an old custom in this Church for both adults and children to kneel on the pew seats rather than on the floor. These old practices are being encouraged by the Rev. Allen Evans, rector.

The Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. James Church, Kingsessing, recently sponsored a "Chinese Night." The missionary moving picture "My Name is Han" was shown. Miss Grace Chen, daughter of Bishop Chen, answered the questions of the audience. Chinese decorations and Chinese refreshments were appropriately arranged.

The 24th Anniversary of the first Communion service held at St. Alban's Mission, Newtown Square, will be observed January 2, at 11 A.M., to be addressed by the Secretary of the Chester Convocation, Mr. Freas Snyder. It is expected that the Reverend Crosswell McBee, who was the first Missionary-in-charge, will take part in the service. Because of a delay in commencing the building of a new church, due to the increased cost of construction, the officers are planning to establish auto-

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THE HISTORY OF OUR PARISHES

The REV. J. WESLEY TWELVES,
Chairman, Parochial History Committee

Some time ago we wanted to find out which were the first Episcopal Churches established in this area. No one seemed to know. No connected history of the development of the Episcopal Church in this Diocese had ever apparently been written. But hidden away in an upper room in the Church House, we found the parish histories of a number of the oldest churches.

The order of their beginning was this: Old Christ Church, 1695, Trinity Church, Oxford, 1698, St. James, Perkiomen, 1700, St. Peter's Great Valley, 1700, St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, 1702, St. Paul's, Chester, 1702, St. James, Bristol, 1712, Old St. David's, Radnor, 1714, St. Paul's, Philadelphia, 1759, St. Peter's, Philadelphia, 1761, St. John's, Northern Liberties, 1764, All Saints, Torresdale, 1771.

The Swedish Churches, which later came into communion with the Episcopal Church were established at an early date. Old Swede's (Gloria Dei) 1677, Christ Church, Upper Merion, 1760 and St. James, Kingessing, 1760.

Few people know of the interesting historical records and documents that are hidden away in the vaults and storerooms of the Church House. The glories of a past day in religious history, the struggles of churches and missions to be born, the labors of our forefathers to preach the gospel and to build the church in this Diocese are all there.

The church in Pennsylvania is one of the oldest, and next to the largest. The history of the parishes goes back to the very earliest days. Some day, someone will write the story of the many great contributions that this Diocese has made to our own communion and to Protestant Christianity in America.

If the records are to be complete, the history of every parish should be in the files. Many parishes have written histories. Copies of these should be in the files of the Diocese. Where such histories are not available, some data regarding the establishment of their parish, together with dates, and the names of their various rectors should be on file. It is so easy for some of these facts to pass from the knowledge of men.

In the meantime, the records and other historical material relating to many parishes is available to those who seek information about their own parishes, or about others in which they are interested. The Committee is very grateful to those who have already sent histories.

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FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

Will you share your home with a youngster whose own home is broken? The Youth Agency of the Diocese, The Girls' Service Bureau—Church Mission of Help, makes an urgent plea to families of the Diocese to participate actively in their work with young girls by opening their homes and hearts to girls whose own homes have failed them.

Without the help offered by this Diocesan Agency, many teen-age girls whose own homes are disrupted would be forced to fend for themselves, find shelter in forlorn rooming houses, alone and unsupervised, and to live unwanted and unloved—their health and happiness jeopardized. These deprived youngsters need the security and stability of normal and wholesome family living. They need the encouragement, help, and support of substitute parents.

Typical of the girls for whom this Agency provides care is a 15-year-old whose health had been damaged by the lack of proper care and attention in her own home, and for whom temporary hospitalization became necessary. Her father, a widower, who had made a real effort to keep his children together following the death of their mother, was unable to accomplish the task alone and faced with the child's illness and the realization that neglect was a contributing factor in it, he was forced to seek the help of the Girls' Service Bureau. A home is needed for this appealing youngster, who has not known a real home for seven years, and who wants and needs the love and care of a foster family.

Similar help was given to a girl whose divorced parents had remarried but had not planned adequately for her. A High School Senior with ability and interest in continuing her education, this youngster, herself, came to the agency requesting help in finding a home. She was placed under the su-

pervision of the agency in a carefully selected foster home where she has found the affection, encouragement, and direction she needed to develop strength and maturity to see her through school and into nurses' training.

In order for this Agency to continue to provide in this way for young girls between the ages of 14 and 18, many new foster parents must be found. The agency stands by, sharing the responsibility, and helping with the problems that arise as a girl finds her way in a new home with a new family. The agency pays board, supplies clothing, and attends to any necessary medical needs. The foster families provide the day-to-day help and the loving care of parents. The value of this help for youngsters is unlimited; the satisfactions are real for foster parents whose reward lies in the accomplishments of the girls.

If you are willing to share your home, you are requested to contact Mrs. Ann B. Harris, Executive Secretary, 2139 Locust Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa., telephone RI 6-7603.

SOCIAL RELATIONS DEPT. STATES ITS PURPOSE

The following statement has been made by the chairman of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Diocese:

The Department of Christian Social Relations exists to promote the Christian way of life in the social relations of today. The Department meets monthly at the Church House. On the first of December the Department held a Corporate Communion Service for its members at which Bishop Remington was the celebrant. Following the service, breakfast was served and the group listened to an address by the Rev. Dr. E. Felix Kloman on "Alternative to Futility." It is planned to send an occasional letter to the parishes and missions of the Diocese dealing with matters of current social interest. The first of these letters has been sent drawing attention to the then forthcoming campaign for the Community Chest to maintain the more than 170 Red Feather agencies during 1949.

The organization of the Department remains for the most part as planned by the immediate past chairman, the Rev. Dr. E. Felix Kloman. Dr. Albert Lindsay Rowland is the new chairman and the Rev. Leonard B. Rasmusson continues as Secretary. Dr. James Fleming is the Vice-Chairman for the Division of Social Education and Action and the Rev. A. Lester M. Worthey, Vice-Chairman for the Division of the Social Agencies and Community

Service. Mrs. George A. Trowbridge and the Rev. J. Gillespie Armstrong, 3rd, are Co-chairmen for the Committee on World Service and the Rev. Allen F. Kremer and the Rev. Dr. E. S. Thomas are Co-chairmen for the Committee on Race Relations. The Rev. Robert D. Morris is Chairman of the Committee on Mental Health; Mr. Harvey Stevens, Chairman of the Committee on Christianity in Industry and Mrs. J. Harold Austin, Chairman of the Committee on Publicity.

A special liaison committee has been set up between the diocesan Department of Christian Social Relations and the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Auxiliary consisting of Mrs. Maitland Bottoms and Mrs. Raymond Royce for the Woman's Auxiliary and the Rev. Leonard B. Rasmusson and Mrs. George A. Trowbridge for the diocesan Department with Mrs. Francis R. Packard, Chairman of the Christian Social Relations Department of the Woman's Auxiliary and Dr. Albert Lindsay Rowland, Chairman of the diocesan Department as ex-officio members. This committee of which Mr. Rasmusson is the Chairman, is also charged with the responsibility of implementing the program for displaced persons.

With the consent of the Executive Council of the Diocese the Department has been able to secure the part-time services of Miss Florence Davies, former Executive Director of the Burd School for Girls, as Secretary. Miss Davies' personal competence and her long association with the Department and with the Christian social work of the Diocese insures the success of her service.

The policy of the Department will be to implement the recommendations of the Survey authorized by the 1946 Convention of the Diocese. This Survey of the needs of the Diocese in the Field of Christian Social Relations was made and presented to the 1947 Convention and is now in printed form. Its recommendations, seven in number, have in part been met and will require some years to meet in full. Meanwhile changing conditions may in some instances hasten and in others perhaps alter the program. The basic purpose of the Department will, however, always remain to extend the social vision and to enlarge the social service of the Church in the light of the spirit of Christ Jesus that each is his brother's keeper and all are children of one Heavenly Father.

SOCIETY OF ST. PETER AT UNIVERSITY OF PENNA.

A group of young men of the University of Pennsylvania, aspirants to the priesthood, have formed the Society of S. Peter. The Society presents a rule of life for men entering holy orders and an associate membership for all laymen interested in the objective of the society. The men meet weekly on Friday evenings in the Episcopal Chapel at the University for meditation and the reading of Vespers and Compline.

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An Introduction to Jesus for the Twentieth Century—R. W. Stewart.

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Christian Voices in China—Chester S. Miao.

Everyman's History of the Jews—Sulamith Ish-Kisher.

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History of Western Philosophy—Bertrand Russell.

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Mysticism in Religion—W. R. Inge.

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Psychiatric Study of Jesus—Albert Schweitzer.

Report to Protestants—Marcus Bach.

Sermons for the New Age—Sam Nader.

Young Mr. Newman—Maisie Ward.

Treasury of Russian Spirituality—J. P. Fredetov.

BEQUESTS, GIFTS, MEMORIALS

\$11,839.09 was the amount of the Legacy paid this past week to the authorities of St. Clement's Church by the executors of the Will of the late Lydia Prichett Borden. This money has already been placed in the Endowment Fund, as Miss Borden specified, in memory of her father and mother and a brother. In addition to this generous legacy to the Church, Miss Borden left \$500.00 each to the Guild of All Souls and to the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, and \$1,000.00 each to the Order of the Holy Cross and to S. Andrew's School in Tennessee.

The Episcopal Hospital and the Home of the Merciful Saviour were named as beneficiaries under the will of Mr. Edward Donovan, who died October 2.

Mrs. May S. Stout, who died September 26, left \$500 to the Woman's Auxiliary of Grace Church, Mt. Airy.

The late George W. Harkins left \$500 to the endowment fund of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill.

At St. Giles Church, Stonehurst, a private Communion service has been presented as a memorial to Edward G. Monkhouse. Mrs. Henry C. Cochrane and Miss Constance Cochrane have provided a set of linens for the private communion service.

A Swedish Bible, printed about 1630, and said to have belonged to King Gustavus Adolphus, was recently presented to Gloria Dei Church by Mr. Phillip von Saltz, a member of one of the oldest Swedish families in the United States.

A Violet Cope, recently worn for the first time at St. Clement's Church, is the gift of Major General Milton G. Baker, Superintendent of the Valley Forge Military Academy at Wayne. It was made by Louis Grosse, Ltd., a Belgian Vestment maker, who has work-rooms in London. The Mass Vestments, of which it now becomes a part, were made by the same firm.

A large electric clock and several fine oak tables have been added to the parish house equipment of Holy Trinity Church, Lansdale.

A new stained glass window over the altar of St. Barnabas Church, 64th Street and Haverford Avenue, was dedicated on December 12th in loving memory of James and Rose McGowan and Charles and Fanny Langley. The theme of the ten medallions is the life of Christ from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Resurrection.

Many new gifts and memorials in the children's chapel of the Primary Department of Resurrection Sunday School, Broad and Tioga Streets, have recently been dedicated, and are listed herewith: Altar, Lectern, and class screens, hymn books, prayer books, American and Christian flags, and brass rods for the dossal were purchased with funds raised for the purpose. Altar cloths and book markers in colors were donated by the Chancel Guild of the parish. New chairs and paint for the floor were purchased by the vestry. The Brass Flower Vases, in loving memory of Lotta H. Deetz and Jesse O. Deetz, given by their daughter, Miss Marion Deetz. The Brass Candle Sticks and Candles, given by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tohlin. The Bible on the Lectern, a gift from Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Hull. The picture above the Altar, "Behold I Send You Forth," by Margaret Tarrant, given in loving memory of Robert Fuggiti, by his wife, Mrs. Ruth Rockey Fuggiti. Prayer Book on the Altar, in loving memory of Wilhelmina and John T. Eplett. Two Wall Pictures and a Table, given by Mr. and Mrs. William Weiant.

IN GOD'S KEEPING

Second Lt. William J. Harvey, a graduate of Valley Forge Military Academy, killed in France in 1944, was buried from the Chapel of St. Cornelius the Centurian at the Academy, on November 8, with interment in St. Timothy's Church Yard, Roxborough.

Miss Emily F. Smythe, daughter of the late Rev. William Smythe, of St. Barnabas Church, Haddington, died on November 9, and was buried from St. Barnabas Church on November 12. Miss Smythe was a graduate of the school of nursing of St. Timothy's Hospital, Roxborough, and served as an army nurse in France and Germany in the first World War.

Mr. Robert M. Wilson, a vestryman of St. Asaph's Church, Bala, died November 14, and was buried from the Church on November 18, with interment in the church yard.

Mr. Edgar Cope, son of the late Rev. Edgar Cope, founder and first rector of St. Simeon's Church, died on November 15 and was buried on November 18 with interment in the Church yard of the Church of St. James the Less.

Mr. Charles M. Smith, who died September 23d, had served as accounting Warden of St. George's Church, 61st & Hazel Avenue, for over 28 years, and had been faithfully attentive and devoted to all the interests of the church.

Burial service for Private First Class George E. Frey was held in St. Mark's Church, Frankford, November 27th. He was killed in an automobile accident in Italy about two years ago.

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Alice Nutter (waffle parties are such fun). It has been a great joy to be able to entertain the men students, in small groups; and to have the Faculty and other friends in. Social activities add a balance to our studies, practice work, and devotional life. They also make for good fellowship in our school.

There are four new women students this year: Miss Jennie Frazell, Miss Constance Stone, Mrs. Elizabeth Metcalfe, and Miss Helen Voerge. Miss Esther Ganaros is back for her second year. The present house accommodates seven students. There is an increasing interest in this vocation, and we hope before long to train a larger number of

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IN THE DIOCESE

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matic heat in the present frame building. A growing Church School, and increasing number of communicants, demands better heating facilities.

On a recent Sunday when the rector, Rev. George C. Anderson, was filling an engagement as preacher at Penn State College, the services at Trinity Church, Swarthmore, were taken by Dr. Collins of the City Mission, and Dean Gifford, of the Divinity School.

Mr. C. V. Dealy, after seven years as superintendent of the Sunday School of the Church of the Resurrection, Broad and Tioga Streets, has resigned that post and has been succeeded by Mr. Henry L. Dubs.

The Metropolitan Chorus of the North American Insurance Company sang "The Story of Christmas" by Alexander Matthews December 19th, at the Church of St. Philip-in-the-Fields, Oreland. The Christmas service for children was held on Sunday afternoon, December 26th. The special offering at the Christmas Day services was given to augment the fund for a rectory, which is very urgent as the rector now occupies rooms in the building which are much needed for Church School and other purposes.

Boys from Prince of Peace Boys' Club were taken to the Reading R. R. shops to see all sorts of locomotives at close range.

Mr. E. Scott Banister has been appointed as Rector's Warden of Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, succeeding the late Edward M. Frost. Mr. Roy H. Lintz was elected Secretary, succeeding Mr. Banister in that office.

The Church School of Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg claims to be the fourth largest school in the Diocese. A new room has been added to take care of the younger children. There are 123 under seven years of age enrolled. Bus transportation is provided for those living at a distance.

The Rev. John W. Edwards, formerly Vicar of St. Mary's Chapel; of St. Mark's Parish, has become Priest-in-Charge of the St. Timothy's Church, Brooklyn, New York.



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In late November Mr. Robert D. Jordan, Director of Promotion for the National Council of the Episcopal Church, released the following statement:

GREAT SCENES FROM GREAT PLAYS is no longer an experiment. It has been on the air only seven weeks, but already we have developed the second largest listening audience of any program sponsored by a religious organization. According to the last Hooper rating our audience is now twice as large as that of the Lutheran Hour which has been on the air for approximately 12 years. The only Church-sponsored broadcast which still has a larger listening audience is the Catholic Hour which has been on the air for almost 20 years. After our first seven weeks this program is only a very small fraction of a percentage point ahead of us in listening audience, and unquestionably we shall surpass them within the next few weeks. This is in spite of the fact that the Catholic Hour is presented over the National Broadcasting network which normally has a greater listening audience than the Mutual Broadcasting System which we are using.

When we first began to prepare transcripts for the first 13 weeks, we had more than a little difficulty in persuading great names of the theater and motion picture to take part in this new and untried experiment. Now we are so firmly established that many of the great names are offering their services without any prompting from us or from our producers. I believe that this, more than any other one thing, indicates the standing we have attained in a very short time in the radio industry itself.

The basic purpose of our programs, as you know, is to bring people, especially people who are unchurched, into the Church, and to establish a personal contact with a rector, and a parish. The booklet, "Finding Your Way," has been a secondary consideration in the closing message of each broadcast. In spite of that, as a result of the first four broadcasts, we sent out over 35,000 copies of this booklet about the Episcopal Church. In addition, many hundreds of people have written to the Presiding Bishop or to me. These

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Departing from its regular pattern, Great Scenes From Great Plays will offer a program of great Christmas music on December 24th, with Metropolitan artists Gladys Swarthout and Lawrence Tibbett as featured singers. The program will be on the air at the usual time, 8 p.m., EST, and listeners are asked to consult their local newspapers for the hours in their own time zones.

Nathan Kroll, who composes, arranges, and conducts the music on the program regularly, will lead an augmented orchestra, and a chorus of 16 carefully chosen voices.

During the program the Presiding Bishop will read the Nativity Story from the Gospel according to St. Luke.

MEMORIAL FOR SEAMEN

On Sunday, December 5th, in the auditorium at the Seamen's Church Institute, 211 Walnut Street, there was held a special service at 6 P.M. in commemoration of the American Merchant Seamen from the area of the Port of Philadelphia who lost their lives due to enemy action in World War II. The Exercises were attended by members of the Association for the Commemoration of Merchant Seamen, whose President is Mr. Edward McGill, merchant seamen in temporary residence at the Seamen's Church Institute, and others who were in port. The Address was made by James E. Ferris, Chaplain, USN now stationed at the U.S. Naval Home in Philadelphia. Chaplain Ferris served with the Marine Air Corps and on the USS WASP and the light Cruiser, USS DULUTH during the war. Following the service Supper was served by the Sunday Supper Auxiliary of the Seamen's Church Institute. It is an Annual custom to hold these Exercises on the Sunday nearest to the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

CHURCHWOMAN'S CLUB

With the coming of the New Year, the Churchwoman's Club not only renews its interesting entertainment programs, but also reverts to its winter schedule. During January, February and March the regular Tuesday "get-togethers," at the Club's Headquarters, 1919 Walnut St., will begin with tea at 4:00 P.M., continuing with the program at 5:15, and supper will be served at 6:15.

Starting its year with recognition of its close association with the Church, and in observance of the feast of the Epiphany, the Club invites all members and their friends to join in the Annual Vesper Service at the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Sunday, January 2nd, at 4:30 P.M., when Rev. E. Frank Salmon, D.D. will speak.

The "Club Days" (every Tuesday) begin on Tuesday, January 4th, when "A Program of Magic" will be presented by Robert J. Robinson, Jr., member of the Society of American Magicians. On Tuesday, January 11th, the Executive Board will meet at 2:00 P.M.; the annual business meeting and election of a president, vice-president, and six board members will follow at 3:00 and at 5:15 a musicale will be given by students in the Department of Music, School of Fine Arts of the University of Pennsylvania under the direction of Dr. Joyce Michell.

The two remaining Tuesdays are given over to the always-popular travel and historic type of program. On January 18th, through the courtesy of Philadelphia Electric Co., a motion picture, "America the Beautiful," will be shown, and on January 25th, Miss Margaret Koflock will conduct an "arm-chair tour" of Historic Philadelphia.

In thus entering upon its 32nd year, the Club's officers and committees bespeak the same friendly association and spirit of service among all its members, which have marked its course since the founding in 1917—with this objective, 1949 can truly be a Happy New Year.

THE BATTLE OF CHESTNUT HILL

Two hundred and fifty members of the parishes of St. Paul's and St. Martin-in-the-Fields listened on Tuesday evening, November 16 to recruiting officers tell a story that was for many of them an International emergency, namely, "The State of the World's Mental Health." Mr. Arthur Bunker and Miss Isobel Leighton of the Governing Board of the International Committee for Mental Hygiene put the battle charge to the audience and told

them they could win or lose it. They stressed the financial legislation and social responsibilities of citizenship in working for better facilities for the care of mental patients. The International Committee of Mental Health is an outgrowth of the Congress held in London last summer and is now the official advisory agent to Unesco. The Reverend Robert Morris of Philadelphia's Episcopal Hospital and official observer to the Congress from National Council and Federal Council of Churches put the challenge of nurturing family well-being as the antidote to mental breakdowns right in the lap of the Church. Dr. Arthur P. Noyes,

Superintendent of the Norristown State Hospital and Dr. Frederick H. Allen, newly elected president of the International Association of Child Psychiatry joined in the "experts" panel during the question period and gave authoritative answers to the many questions.

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